

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

ERIKA R.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:23-cv-2804

JUDGE EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz

COMMISSIONER OF THE SOCIAL  
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees Under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 17.) The Court hereby **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Motion (ECF No. 17) and awards Plaintiff attorneys' fees in the amount of \$5,100.00, and costs in the amount of \$0.00, for a total award of \$5,100.00. After the Court enters this award, counsel for the parties shall verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel.

The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**10/16/2024**  
**DATE**

**s/Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.**  
**EDMUND A. SARGUS, JR.**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**